

# Tzah Tez Tlee

## Development Corporation



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### **Lake Babine Nation Community and Summit Camps Sign Partnership**

Fort Babine, BC (April 7, 2014) – Summit Camps and the Tzah Tez Tlee, Development Corporation of Fort Babine, a community of the Lake Babine Nation, signed a joint venture partnership agreement to provide high quality, turn-key camp and catering services on the First Nation's traditional territories.

'We have a great working relationship with Fort Babine and the Lake Babine Nation and look forward to upcoming opportunities. Almost all of Summit Camps' contracts are in partnership with Aboriginal communities and it is important to us to develop long term, meaningful relationships,' stated Dean Allen, President of Summit Camps.

'We have already had three industry contracts for camp services in partnership with Summit Camps that have benefited Lake Babine Nation in terms of revenue sharing, training, employment and procurement. They have demonstrated that they are strong partners and we are pleased to formalize the partnership with our new Tzah Tez Tlee Development Corporation. The venture is an opportunity to create the change in Fort Babine community that we have been waiting for,' reported Bessie West, Lake Babine Nation Councillor and Tzah Tez Tlee Development Corporation Director.

'For decades we have watched industry extract resources all around us with very few or no benefits to our local communities. Through our partnership with Summit Camps we are starting to realize direct community benefits from industry projects on our traditional territories and are excited to expand this into the future,' stated Fred William, Lake Babine Nation Councillor and Tzah Tez Tlee Development Corporation Director.

'It is important that communities address issues at the local level for their citizens. This agreement paves the way to have local decision making at the home front. It is important to strive for the betterment of all citizens of the Lake Babine Nation and local controls is the key,' commented Chief Wilf Adam, Lake Babine Nation.

*Babine Summit Camp Services* provides high quality, turn-key camp and catering services for industry projects. For further information please see contacts below.

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### About Fort Babine

Fort Babine is the northernmost community of Lake Babine Nation and sits at the top of Babine Lake where the famous, 'Rainbow Alley' flows in. Fort Babine has a territory that is rich in recreational, fishing, forestry and mineral resources. There are currently two natural gas pipelines proposed through the traditional territory.

### About Lake Babine Nation

Lake Babine Nation is third largest Aboriginal Band in British Columbia. Lake Babine Administration Office is situated 142 miles West of Prince George, with a total registered membership of over 2,310 (2012). The Nation has 27 reserve lands and three communities, which are inhabited year round, and two that are inhabited year round from time to time.

### About Summit Camps

Based out of Smithers BC, Summit Camps is a Canadian leader in high quality, turn-key workforce camp and catering services. Offering camps across the country, Summit partners with Aboriginal communities through meaningful relationships focussed on supporting communities to maximize benefits from projects on their traditional territories.



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